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Press Release

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On August 3, 2017, the West Lafayette Police were involved in an investigation into drug activity at 320 Brown St. in West Lafayette (Waterfront Apartments).

During this investigation, the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) was contacted to assist in our investigation. As a result of the DCS investigation, it was determined that the children involved would be removed from the residence by DCS and placed with a close family member.

On August 4, 2017, the West Lafayette Police received a request from the Indiana DCS to issue an Amber Alert based off their documentation of the investigation, and the fact that upon follow up, the four children that had been placed could not be located. In addition, DCS had provided information that their mother Victoria Whorton had possibly left the state with the children.

Working with DCS, the West Lafayette Police issued an Amber Alert based off the possibility that the children could be in danger. We ask that you contact the Indiana DCS for further information in regards to the children and their placement.

On today's date, August 5, 2017 the West Lafayette Police Department obtained information on a location where the children possibly were in Chicago, Illinois. On today's date, the subjects of this Amber Alert were located by the Chicago Police Department in the City of Chicago. The children are healthy and unharmed in any manner.

Through the assistance of the Chicago PD, Illinois State Police and Indiana State Police, Victoria Whorton and the four children involved are in the process of being transported back to Tippecanoe County.

Our relationship with DCS was vital to the well-being of the children present in our investigations. We appreciate the partnerships we have developed with DCS and being able to call DCS to our Police investigations is a great assistance to us.

No arrests are expected by the West Lafayette Police Department, the children will be returned to the custody of DCS. Our investigation into this matter will be complete upon the return to DCS.

The West Lafayette Police Department would like to thank all of the agencies involved.

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